



**SUBSTITUTE ABSTRACT**

A paper roll dispenser comprising a tube having an open upper end through which rolls may be introduced and an open lower end through which dispensed rolls may be retrieved. The tube is adapted to hold a plurality of rolls comprising at least a lowermost roll and a roll upwardly adjacent the lowermost roll. A lever member is supported on the tube to pivot on the tube, and is pivotable between a retaining position (in which a lower end of the lever engages the lowermost roll and an upper end of the lever is spaced from the upwardly adjacent roll) and a dispensing position (in which the lower end of the lever is spaced from the lowermost roll and the upper end of the lever engages the upwardly adjacent roll). Also provided is a biasing device biasing the lever from the dispensing position to the retaining position.